

# The Pacific Commercial Advertiser

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, JULY 18.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, trace.  
Temperature, Max. 84; Min. 78. Weather, fair.

SUGAR—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.71875c.; Per Ton, \$74.375.  
88 Analysis Beets, 8s 3¼d; Per Ton, \$75.60.

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

## NEED NEW HIGH SCHOOL

**There Is Not Enough Room for Pupils in Honolulu.**

It is probable that Honolulu will have a new high school, and that the present high school building, at the old Queen Emma place, will be turned into a central grammar school.

There are, approximately, forty-five hundred school children in Honolulu, with accommodations for possibly a little over four thousand. That is to say, there are approximately forty-five hundred children in attendance on the public schools—or there were, when schools closed for the summer vacation. Of course, when the schools open in September, the number of children in the schools will be largely increased. The attendance always increases at the opening of each term. And the accommodations are no greater.

In fact, it has been patent to the school authorities for a long time past there was a growing need for school accommodations. And, to meet this need in part, Superintendent Babbitt has a plan that is now under grave consideration in the department. This is to secure a site in some central location and erect thereon a high school building, fitted with all the appliances needed for such a structure—a building of from six to ten rooms, say, with accommodations for the commercial branches. When this is finished, the present high school building, on Emma street, will be turned into a kind of central grammar school. There are eight hundred scholars in that school now.

Every school in Honolulu, as matters stand, is overcrowded. It will afford partial relief to this condition if the Kalihiwaena school is built, but the relief will be only partial. Besides that, it is a recognized principle, in school construction, to build for the future. Honolulu is growing, and the schools will be more crowded before there is any decrease in attendance—and this in spite of the fact that the private schools draw off a large number of scholars. If it were not for the private schools, the public schools would be altogether inadequate.

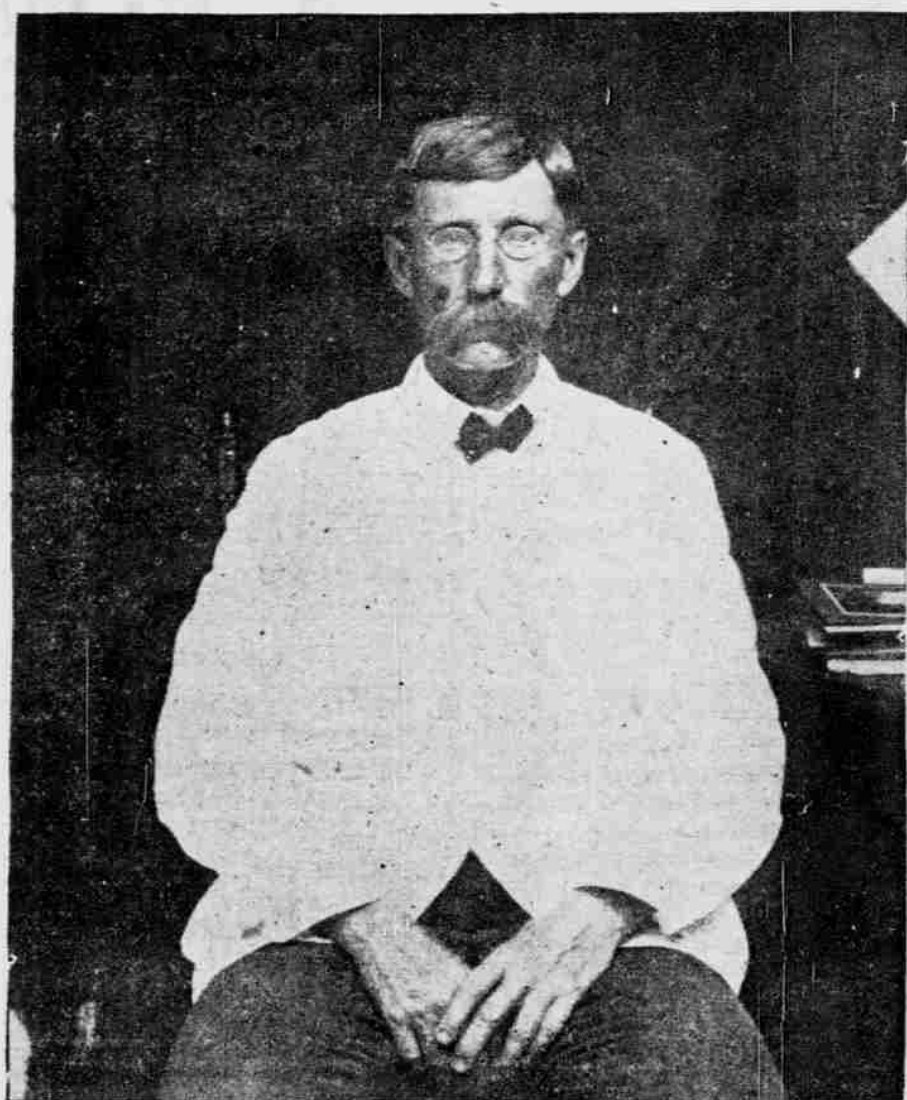
Of course the matter of the construction of the new high school will come up to the Legislature, but it is not thought that there will be much difficulty in securing an appropriation. This next Legislature, if it is the kind of body that it is hoped to elect, will be expected to do justice to the public schools—in the matter of salaries for teachers, in making liberal appropriations for running expenses, and in providing money for needed buildings. The people of Hawaii have learned the lesson, it is thought, that the last place in which to economize is the schools.

## SPRECKELS MANSION NOT TO BE RESTORED

The palatial home of Claus Spreckels on Van Ness avenue will not be repaired for residence purposes, and will never again be occupied by the owner. This home was the handsomest in a city of handsome homes, and is said to have cost, completed and fitted, \$700,000. When the flames jumped the avenue on the evening of April 19th the big structure, with its broad sweep of lawns, acted as an effective barrier to further progress of the fire northward, but the house itself was badly damaged, and its entire contents, consisting of magnificent and costly rugs, furniture, plate, china and paintings, were destroyed.

Since that time Van Ness avenue has developed into one of the principal retail streets of the city and the residence is closely surrounded with retail stores. It was this fact that caused its abandonment as a residence. Mr. Spreckels has renovated the old home place out on Howard street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth, a handsome home in itself, and is now occupying it. What will be done with the residence site on Van Ness avenue is not yet determined. It is possible that the house may be repaired and used as a big retail store, or it may be torn away and the block filled with temporary structures. It has been suggested that the site is exceptionally desirable for a great hotel, but the character of its future permanent occupancy has not yet been decided. Chronicle.

## EXPERT PRACTICALLY THROUGH WITH NUUANU DAM INVESTIGATION



THIS IS PATTERSON.

The examination of the Nuuanu dam is practically finished, only one more point being left and that would not be gone into were it not for the insistence of the engineer in charge, C. H. Smith. Yesterday Mr. Kellogg examined the concrete core wall, the formation upon which the gate chamber is built, the last finished sections of the supply pipe and the cut run into the fill. This leaves the pit over the mush pile to be gone into.

"This place was full of water today," said Mr. Kellogg, after his return from the dam yesterday, "but Mr. Smith is getting a pump from the electric supply company and will have it cleared out for me on Friday. I told him that I would not insist on having this pit put down any deeper, as I could find out all that I considered necessary at the present depth, but he wishes to put it down to the bottom of the core trench."

"I tested the ground under the gate chamber in the way that Mr. Patterson had done, by shoving down an iron bar. I did not find the depth of soft ground that he did, but this was probably because there was more water there the day he made his test."

Naturally Mr. Kellogg says nothing as to the opinion he has formed of the dam and in all probability no indication as to the tenor of his report will be given out before he sails for the Coast on Saturday.

This is what he has found, however: He has seen that in the trench for the core wall there are a number of running springs; he has found that a running spring has been covered by the concrete core wall, through which it has broken its way; he has seen that the drainage pipe which pierces the dam in the very bottom, is in a leaky condition; he finds that the heavy valve chamber in the center of the dam is resting on soft ground in which an iron pipe can be shoved down for at least several feet, and from the conditions exposed in the pit over the mush pile he finds that the core wall in one place, at least, is built over a big pool of liquid mud.

These are practically the objections raised by Patterson, who throughout the examination has substantiated every objection he had made against the dam. It may be that what has been demonstrated is not sufficient to condemn the work in the opinion of an engineer. That will be seen when Mr. Kellogg puts in his report.

Up to the present time there has been spent over \$70,000 of the Territory's money on this work, which is less than half way towards completion.

## SOME REPUBLICAN FIGHTS

**William Isaac Not After the Scalp of Sam Johnson, Oahu County Committee Holds a Warm Session.**

William Isaac, time-keeper for the Road Supervisor down Kakaako way, is not out after the scalp of Sam Johnson. He says himself that he is not, and he should know. Witness the following letter, which Mr. Isaac brought into the Advertiser office himself last night. This letter, sub-headed and all, is the production of Mr. Isaac: BROWN'S POLITICAL SKIM.

The Evening Bulletin had stated yesterday afternoon that I am after the Road Supervisor's job and to get Sam Johnson out who is my present superior. I wish to state now that nothing of the kind has come to mind and I deny it right here.

It sounds very good to the ears of Brown's backers that I am after my boss's skull.

Brown and his clique knowing full well that I am out for Crabbe for Sheriff and they had tried two or three months ago to get me out through their dirty mean tricks.

They went to the Supervisors on the Road Committee to give me a bounce; but these gentlemen investigated the matter and found it doesn't hold water. They did not succeed then.

Now they have come out openly in a paper with such a dirty political skim that I'm after the Road Supervisorship (Continued on Page 4.)

There was a warm session of the members of the Republican County Committee at their headquarters last night, at which several of the members and a number of the precinct club presidents had grievances to air. Chairman Hustace called the meeting to order and in the absence of the secretary, who arrived late, declared the meeting ready for business without the reading of the minutes.

He explained that he had been repeatedly asked for advice as to the manner of conducting the precinct club elections and asked that the following letter regarding the matter from the Chairman of the Territorial Committee be read for the benefit of those who did not feel clear in the matter:

ROBERTSON'S LETTER.

Honolulu, T. H., July 16, 1906. Capt. Samuel Johnson, President, Precinct Club, Fifth Precinct, Fourth District.

Dear Sir: In reply to your question as to the enrollment of new members in the precinct clubs, I would say that it is very clear from a reading of Sec. 3, Art. 1, of our rules that any one qualified to register to vote at the (Continued on Page 7.)

## MANSFIELD'S HOME BURNS

**Fire at Waikiki That May Have Been Incendiary.**

Jack Mansfield's house in old Waikiki was totally destroyed by fire between 8 and 9 o'clock last night. An alarm was turned in from box 127, corner of Punahou and King streets. The sky at that time was bright with the reflection of the flames and people for a time thought that some of the handsome structures along the beach near the Moana were on fire. The Makiki fire station apparatus responded but found no fire plugs in the vicinity of the cottage, which is on the lower beach road about half way between Mochitsuki club and Sheridan street. The structure burned for nearly an hour and was then reduced to a pile of embers.

It was a five-room cottage built about three years ago by Mansfield at a cost of about \$1600. With the furniture and all the contents Mansfield says his loss is \$3000 with about \$900 insurance.

Mr. Mansfield did not appear on the scene until the house was in ruins. He surveyed the scene with stoicism.

"I left the house about 5:30 this afternoon," he said to a reporter, "and went to town with my wife. In fact we have not been in the house for about a week, and have not had a fire in the stove or a lamp burning in all that time. I came out this afternoon to feed the ducks and chickens. I can't imagine how the place could have caught fire. Its mighty strange. I'm hit hard I can tell you."

The only out-of-door fire in the Mansfield district yesterday was at the garbage dumps several blocks away. The wind carried embers far and some may possibly—just possibly—have reached the Mansfield premises. Another theory to account for the blaze is that Japanese set the house on fire in revenge for the stout work Mr. Mansfield did on the Douze jury for the acquittal of the man accused of burning a Jap laborer to death.

Last night's fire is the first that has occurred in several weeks and the town was at once galvanized into action. The hacks did a rushing business and the street cars were loaded down to the guards. Everybody went to the fire.

## MILLIONS FOR LEPROSY CURE

GALVESTON (Tex.), July 11.—James M. Bringas of Guaymas, Mexico, one of the millionaire mine and ranch owners, who is a native of Kentucky, offers his entire fortune to any one who will cure him of leprosy. He is bound for Europe for a third time for treatment to check the dreaded disease, which has now eaten his finger tips.

He is 55 years of age, and contracted the disease five years ago. He has spent more than \$1,000,000 fighting the leprosy, and has a standing offer of \$1,000,000 in gold for a cure. Today he says he will make it \$5,000,000, and even more, as he is willing to sacrifice his entire estate to be cleansed of the loathsome affliction. Bringas has a wife, seven daughters and a son, and he made his money mining in Mexico, where he has lived for twenty years. He has been under the treatment of fifteen specialists in this country and Europe.

## THE HENS ARE ALL MADE LAY MEMBERS

BALTIMORE (Md.), July 8.—John G. Herman has organized the chickens in the neighborhood of Wesley Episcopal church near Sykesville, Carroll county, Md., into a missionary society to raise funds to aid the church. Each hen is a "lay" member, so to speak, and the farmers of the neighborhood agree to turn over to the church every egg the hens lay on Sundays. These eggs are to be taken to the church each Sunday afternoon at the hour of the Epworth League meeting and placed in a basket, which will be situated at one side of the pulpit.

Herman expects to realize 2 cents on each egg, no matter what the market price is. Thus far the results have been more than satisfactory.

## MANY FLEEING IN TERROR OF THE TEMBLOR

**Fifty-Two Shocks of Earthquake Have Been Felt in the Town of Socorro, New Mexico, Since Sunday.**

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

SOCORRO, New Mexico, July 19.—There have been fifty-two shocks of earthquake since Sunday. A severe shock yesterday wrecked the city hall. Several temblors were felt during the day, and many people are leaving the city.

The earth began to tremble in the vicinity of Socorro first on Monday, July 2, since which time shocks have been numerous and alarming. Concerning the earlier quakes, a dispatch dated from Albuquerque, July 4, and printed in the mainland files received yesterday, says: Beginning at 3:15 o'clock Monday morning, Socorro, seventy-five miles south of this city, experienced a succession of the severest earthquake shocks within the memory of the people of the city.

There were two or three premonitory quivers. Then came a loud subterranean rumbling, followed immediately by a rocking and swaying that awakened every inhabitant of the city and caused them to flee to the yards and streets for safety. Many of the native people fell upon their knees and prayed aloud for protection. Buildings swayed and creaked.

Walls were cracked, plastering was shaken from ceilings, while doors, windows, dishes and other movable things rattled as though shaken by unseen hands.

The disturbance continued severe at intervals of a few minutes, for half an hour, then gradually died away, the last of no less than twenty distinct shocks being felt about eight hours later. No serious damage was done.

## STROMBOLI IN ERUPTION AND AETNA IS SMOKING

PALERMO, Sicily, July 19.—The crater of Stromboli is in active eruption, and Aetna is smoking.

Stromboli, on the Lipari Islands, is the one European volcano which is in a constant state of activity, although not often in active eruption. On April 30, last, in sympathy with Vesuvius, there was increased activity reported.

Mount Aetna, the most celebrated volcano of Europe, is on the eastern seaboard of Sicily, in the most thickly populated part of that island, two cities and 63 towns being on the mountain side. The last recorded eruption of Aetna was in 1865.

## ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE CZAR'S AIDE-DE-CAMP

ST. PETERSBURG, July 19.—An attempt was made last night to shoot Todleben, the aide-de-camp of the Czar, but the bullet of the assassin missed the intended victim.

MAY DOUBLE-TRACK SIBERIAN RAILWAY. The Cabinet is discussing the double-tracking of the Siberian railway.

DEVASTATION AND MURDER. ST. PETERSBURG, July 18.—Extensive devastation of estates accompanied by the murder of the proprietors, are reported throughout the empire.

ASKS CABINET TO STAY. The Emperor has requested the members of the Cabinet to retain their posts. The members of the Cabinet placed their resignations in the hands of the Czar some days ago but he has evidently decided not to make a change of ministry at this time.

## FOUR BURNED TO DEATH.

BOISE, Idaho, July 19.—Four persons were burned to death here last night.

## LADY CURZON DEAD AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

(Associated Press Cablegrams—Afternoon Service.) LONDON, July 18.—Lady Curzon, who has been ill for some time, died here today. She was the wife of Lord Curzon, the former Viceroy of India.

Lady Curzon was Mary Victoria, eldest daughter of the late Levi Z. and Mrs. Leiter of Chicago. She met George Nathaniel Curzon when he was an attaché of the British legation in Washington, where the Leiters went to live about 1890. They were married in 1895. Her father died about a year ago. Her younger sister Daisy became the Countess of Suffolk and Berkshire in December, 1904.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 18.—A peace conference is being held aboard the U. S. cruiser Marblehead at San Jose, between representatives of Guatemala and Salvador.

## MANAGER GRAY TO LEAVE IN OCTOBER.

Manager Noah W. Gray of the Alexander Young Hotel severs his connection with that hostelry on October 1 and, with Mrs. Gray, will go to Southern California. Mr. Gray has two or three fine hotel propositions in view, one in Southern California, another in Missouri and still another in the Middle East. He will leave Mrs. Gray in California and go east to look over the two propositions there, before deciding which of the three he will accept. It is understood that Manager Hertsche of the Moana Hotel will become general manager of the Moana and Alexander Young hotels when Mr. Gray leaves.